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COATS OF ARMS AND FLAGS – THE PORTUGUESE CASE

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Summary (in English)

Portugal is a country that has maintained its territorial integrity and independence for over eight hundred years, so it is interesting to see how the evolution of its flag and coat of arms reflects the country's history, cultural identity, and political changes.

It provides a chronology and evolution of the national symbols and encourages reflection on how these signs, used for over 8 centuries to identify Portugal, have become instruments of collective memory, forming the country's flag and coat of arms.

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